

REMARKS

In the present Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9 have been rejected pursuant to 35 USC § 103(a). In this respect, Claims 1-3 and 5-6 are rejected as being unpatentable over Glass, U.S. No. 3,455,271, in view of Grady, U.S. No. 5,836,298. With regard to Glass ('291), it is the Examiner's position that "Glass discloses a middle grate (42 and 60) having a cooking grill service and mounted to pivot about an access of rotation (see Figures 2 and 7)..."

The Examiner further acknowledges that Glass does not disclose a meshed screen disposed on a peripheral portion of the base element having an access opening and an access door.

The disclosure of Glass, Col. 2, line 70, et seq., states as follows: "Fireplace 10 is employed in the following manner. Fuel on grate 14 heats food disposed on grill 42. Grill 42 can be swung outwardly from fireplace 10, as FIG. 2 shows, so that food can be conveniently placed thereon or removed...."

Grady ('298) does not disclose a middle grate that can be pivoted and provide external access from a screened enclosure.

There is no disclosure nor suggestion in Glass nor Grady of the modification of an enclosed screen grill that

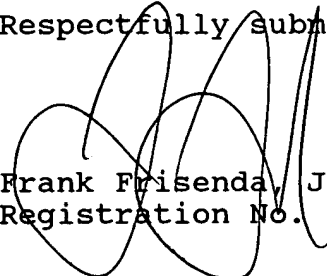
permits convenient user access, i.e., for inspection of the food or for cleaning of the grill.

Reconsideration of the amended application is respectfully requested.

~~For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully requested~~
that the application be reconsidered and an early and favorable next office action is earnestly solicited.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

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